



# What's New in the City

## City of Natchitoches

### Carhartt College B.A.S.S. Regional Tournament March 5—7 in Natchitoches

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The 2015 Carhartt College B.A.S.S. series will make a stop in Natchitoches March 5—7, 2015 for the Central Regional Conference Tournament. The 3-day tournament will host college anglers from Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas, including the Northwestern State University Fishing Team. As part of the Carhartt College Bassmasters Series, the tournament will be televised on ESPNU.



Members of NSU Fishing Team Johnny Ledet and Justin Cooper will compete in the tournament.

"We are thrilled that the Natchitoches along with the Bassmaster organization is Red River Waterway Commission and Northwestern State University are excited to have this opportunity to highlight the world class venues we have here locally." The tournament will be bringing this prestigious tournament to the Red River in Natchitoches," said Mayor Lee Posey. "The City of

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#### Did you know?

- Bloomin' on the Bricks, Natchitoches' spring garden festival, will be held Saturday, March 21. Vendor applications are still being accepted. Please contact the Natchitoches Main Street Office at 318-352-2746 for more information.
- Vendor applications for the 2015 Cane River Green Market Season will be accepted through April 3. Applications can be picked up from the Natchitoches Main Street Office or downloaded from [www.canerivergreenmarket.com](http://www.canerivergreenmarket.com).
- NSU's band program will be featured in two evenings of concerts March 3—4 in Magale Recital Hall. The Magale Concert Band and NSU Wind Ensemble will perform Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m., and the NSU Wind Symphony and Fredericks Concert Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4. Both concerts are free and open to the public.
- The Second Annual President's Command Performance will be held Friday, March 27th at NSU. For more information, contact Tiffany Chasteen at (318) 357-5213.

### 2nd Annual Leaders Against Litter March 13



Leaders throughout Natchitoches parish are joining Keep Natchitoches Beautiful to participate in the second annual "Leaders Against Litter" event on Friday, March 13, 2015. Keep Natchitoches Beautiful is one of

23 Keep Louisiana Beautiful (KLB) affiliate communities across the state selected to host this statewide "Litterthon."

Keep Louisiana Beautiful and Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne have invited hundreds of local elected officials, stakeholders, community leaders, school and church leaders and potential supporters to participate in the Leaders Against Litter event conducted in twenty-two cities throughout the state. March 13th affiliates

will simultaneously conduct a litter cleanup with the help of volunteer community leaders. The goal is to shed some light on the litter problem in Louisiana and to engage

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# DemonFest March 7 College B.A.S.S. Tournament (cont.)



KNWD, Northwestern State University's student-run radio station, will host DemonFest 2015 on March 7 on Iberville Green on the NSU campus. Bands will be coming to NSU from all over the southeastern region of the U.S.

DemonFest will feature bands from Charleston, Atlanta, New Orleans and various area around central Louisiana.

"This year KNWD made a strong effort to find bands that appeal to many different audiences," according to KNWD Event Coordinator Taylor LeGrand. Genres vary from indie-rock to hip-hop.

DemonFest headliner, Stop Light Observations, is a six-member band from Charleston. The transformational rock band played Bonnaroo Music Festival in the summer of 2013. Music director Apryl Jenkins suggested Stop Light Observations because she thought that their music would cater to a wide-variety of students.

DemonFest sub-headliner, the Electric Sons, is a four-piece indie-alternative/electro-pop band out of Atlanta. The Electric Sons have played various venues all over the southern U.S. region, one of the most popular being Hangout Music Festival in May 2014.

Other bands on this year's lineup will feature local bands from Louisiana. Stoop Kids from New Orleans, will bring a bit of psychedelic, doo-wop hip-hop music to NSU's campus.

KNWD General Manager Daniel Thiels and staff are "super excited about this year's DemonFest and hope that students come out and have a great time." DemonFest will take place March 7 on Iberville Green. The music festival will begin at 11:00 a.m. The headliner will begin around 9:45 p.m. All NSU, LSMSA, Stephen F. Austin University, and BPCC students and faculty get in free with a valid ID. The cost will be \$10 for any non-NSU, LSMSA, SFA or BPCC students or faculty.

For more information about DemonFest, contact Katelon Ramos, KNWD Public Relations Director, at [knwdpublicrelations@gmail.com](mailto:knwdpublicrelations@gmail.com).

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launch each morning of the tournament from the Grand Ecore Boat Launch on Tauzin Island Road at 6:30 a.m. Weigh-ins for Day 1 and Day 2 of the tournament will be held at the Grand Ecore Boat Launch at 2:30 p.m. Final weigh-in on Saturday, March 7 will be held at the Northwestern State University Athletic Field House located at 175 Sam Sibley Drive at 3:30 p.m.

Please note that use of the Grand Ecore Boat Launch will be closed to the public during the tournament. However, spectators are encouraged to attend the weigh-ins on each day of the tournament.

The Central Regional Conference Tournament is one of five regional tournament taking place across the country. The top anglers from each regional tournament qualify for the 2015 Carhartt Bassmaster College Series National Championships.

For more information on the Carhartt College B.A.S.S. Tournament Series, please visit [www.bassmaster.com](http://www.bassmaster.com). Daily updates on tournament activities will be available via Facebook and Twitter

## Leaders Against Litter (cont.)



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leaders in our efforts to make Louisiana litter-free.

Leaders Against Litter is set to begin at 9:00 a.m. at the MLK Recreational Community Center located at 660 MLK Drive in Natchitoches. The group will travel along MLK Drive collecting litter using golden grabbers and wearing gold Leaders Against Litter T-shirts. Following the cleanup, the leaders will be asked to sign a pledge to SPEAK UP and

spread the word that litter is not acceptable, to PICK UP litter whenever they see it, and to STAND UP and lead the way for a litter-free Louisiana.

Later than day, Lt. Governor Dardenne, Keep Louisiana Beautiful and Volunteer Louisiana will announce the statewide results, along with numbers of pledges signed and bags of trash picked up, at a 2:00 p.m. press conference at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge.

The general public is encouraged to follow the example of the leaders in the Natchitoches community and participate in the Great American Cleanup on Saturday, April 25, 2015. For more information on Leaders Against Litter and the Great American Cleanup, individuals should contact Keep Natchitoches Beautiful at (318) 352-2746.





## Bloomin' on the Bricks March 21

The City of Natchitoches Main Street Office invites you to experience the beauty of springtime in downtown Natchitoches at the 15th Annual Bloomin' on the Bricks, Natchitoches' spring garden festival, on Saturday, March 21, 2015.

Bloomin' on the Bricks will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the downtown riverbank in Natchitoches' Historic Landmark District. Bloomin' on the Bricks is free and open to the public.

Bloomin' on the Bricks, organized by the Natchitoches Main Street Program, is a celebration of spring throughout the City's Historic District. Visitors will be able to see the beauty of springtime in downtown Natchitoches through its hanging flower baskets and thousands of daffodils and tulips planted along the riverbank. The event will feature lawn and garden vendors, live musical entertainment by the Luke Jazz Trio, children's activities such as face painting and balloon twists, and food booths.



An exhibit area of lawn and garden vendors will display an assortment of items needed to transform your garden and yard this spring season. Nursery owners from around the area will sell specialized plants such as ferns, herbs, shrubs, flowering baskets and bedding plants. Vendors will also sell lawn and garden materials and equipment including paving stones, ironwork, pottery, lawn mowers and outdoor furniture. Vendor spaces are available for \$50 per each 10x10 space.

In addition, Les Amies Service Organization will also host the 12th Annual Ann Williams Brittain Butterfly Release during Bloomin' on the Bricks. The release is held in honor of the First President and founding member of the Les Amies Service Organization, Ann Williams Brittain, who passed away in 2003 after a courageous battle with cancer. The Release will take place at the Fleur de Lis Stage on the downtown riverbank at 1:00 p.m. Participants can purchase an individual butterfly to be released at a cost of \$30 per butterfly or choose to have a loved one honored during the mass butterfly release at a cost of \$5 per honoree. All proceeds from the Butterfly Release will be donated to cancer research.

The Natchitoches Art Guild and Gallery will also host Art Along the Bricks on Saturday, March 21 in conjunction with Bloomin' on the Bricks. Art Along the Bricks will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. along Front Street. Art Along the Bricks serves to provide visitors to the Natchitoches Historic District opportunities to see the latest offerings in fine arts and crafts as local and area artists display their work in an outdoor art show. For more information on Art Along the Bricks, please contact the Natchitoches Art Guild and Gallery at (318) 352-1626.

For more information on Bloomin' on the Bricks or to become a vendor, please contact the City of Natchitoches Main Street Office at (318) 352-2746.

## Cane River Creole NHP to Show Film on Female Civil War Soldier

In support of the American Latino Heritage Initiative, the National Park Service worked with the American Latino Heritage Fund, PBS and Marie Carter Aqui, an award winning filmmaker, scholar, and President of Iguana Films in the production of a 75-minute documentary entitled REBEL: Loreta Velazquez, Secret Soldier of the American Civil War. The video documents the amazing story of Loreta Velazquez, a Cuban immigrant from New Orleans, who secretly served as an agent for the Confederacy under the alias "Harry Buford." Harry Buford fought in the first Battle of Bull Run and was injured at Shiloh. By 1863, Buford was working as a spy for the Union.

As part of REBEL, the National Park Service commissioned "Secret Soldier," a 15-minute video education piece for use by National Park Service sites and partners. In celebration of Women's History Month, Cane River Creole National Historical Park will be screening "Secret Soldier" at the park's Magnolia Plantation overseer's house. The film will be shown upon request to visitors on every weekend in March.

Magnolia is located at 5549 Hwy 119, Derry, LA 71416. For more information call (318) 356-8441.

## Breda Town Block Party March 14



The City of Natchitoches Recreation and Parks Department and My 93.9 FM will host another Neighborhood Block Party on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the Breda Town Park located at 1320 Dixie Street in Natchitoches. The public is invited to attend this free event that will feature activities, games, food and fun for all.

The Block Party will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Breda Town Park. Families are invited to come out and meet their neighbors while enjoying fun activities such as field games, face painting, bounce house, and more. Hot dogs, popcorn and cotton candy will be available free of charge. All events are free and open to the public.

The Breda Town Block Party is the third in a series of Neighborhood Block Parties sponsored by the Natchitoches Recreation and Parks Department and My 93.9 FM. The department plans to host five neighborhood block parties throughout the year leading up to the large Family Day in the Park event scheduled for June 27, 2015.

For more information, please contact Dallas Russell at (318) 238-7508.

## Wings of Freedom Tour on Display March 11—13

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The Collings Foundation's Wings of Freedom Tour will be on display at Natchitoches Regional Airport March 11—13, 2015. This incredible display of vintage WWII bombers will include a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, Consolidated B-24 Liberator and North American P-51 Mustang.

The planes will be on display at the main ramp at Natchitoches Regional Airport located at 451 Wallenberg Drive off of Fairgrounds Road. The public will be able to view the planes from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on March 11, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on March 12, and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on March 13. Admission to view the planes is free of charge. Tours of the interior of the aircraft are available for \$12 for adults (\$6 for children). WWII veterans will be able to tour the aircraft at no additional cost.



"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to view these aircrafts in Natchitoches," said Larry Cooper, Natchitoches Regional Airport Manager.

For more information, contact Larry Cooper at (318) 352-0994 or (318) 471-2106.



## Upcoming Holidays & Important Dates

Mar. 2: Historic District Commission meeting, 5:00 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Wallenberg Drive

Mar. 3: Planning & Zoning meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Mar. 13: Leaders Against Litter, 9:00 a.m. at the MLK Recreational Community Center

Mar. 5—7: Carhartt College B.A.S.S. Tournament on Red River. Day 1 & 2 Weigh-ins 2:30 p.m. at Grand Ecore Boat Launch. Day 3 Weigh-in 3:30 p.m. at NSU Athletic Field House

Mar. 14: Kasey's Heart & Soul 5K Run, Rock & Roll, 6:45 a.m. on the downtown riverbank

Mar. 14: Breda Town Block Party, 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. at Breda Town Park, 1320 Dixie Street

Mar. 7: DemonFest, Iberville Green at NSU

Mar. 16: Natchitoches Airport Commission meeting, 5:00 p.m. at Natchitoches Regional Airport

Mar. 7: Boogie on the Bricks at Maglieaux's on the Cane

Mar. 17: St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 9: City Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Mar. 11—13: Wings of Freedom Tour Display at Natchitoches Regional Airport, 451

Mar. 19: Historic District Development Commission meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center



Mar. 21: Bloomin' on the Bricks, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. on the downtown riverbank

Mar. 21: Art Along the Bricks, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. on Front Street

Mar. 23: City Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Mar. 26: City of Natchitoches Relay for Life BBQ Chicken Dinner Fundraiser, 11:00 a.m. at City Hall

Mar. 27: President's Command Performance at Northwestern State University

